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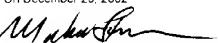
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, in connection with the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, without prejudice.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-76 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 77-99 as shown below:

--77. (New) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a G protein-coupled receptor, wherein said

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